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HSF-2 Human Space Flight Reference Collection

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Collection Number: HSF-2

Title: Human Space Flight Reference Collection

Dates: 1968-2019

Creator: University of Houston-Clear Lake; National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Abstract

The Human Space Flight Reference Collection contains brochures, pamphlets, educational handouts, programs, flyers, guides, articles, and miscellaneous materials, collected by the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections to document NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. The materials were originally organized as the "NASA/JSC Vertical Subject Files" beginning in 2001, when the Archives began collecting materials pertaining to the local Johnson Space Center (JSC) facility. The materials generally represent published and printed materials intended for the public, including educators and the media, highlighting NASA and space exploration programs. Many of the pieces of ephemera were produced as public relations materials by JSC's Public Affairs Office.

Many of the items were published by NASA, JSC, and various internal departments, as well as other NASA facilities outside of Texas. The collection also includes magazine and newspaper publications, organizational event materials, and space exploration educational and cultural content, produced and distributed by non-NASA entities.

Extent: 1.15 linear feet (3 boxes)

Language(s): English

Repository

University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives and Special Collections, Alfred R. Neumann Library, 2700 Bay Area Blvd., Houston, TX 77058-1002

Restrictions on Access: There are no restrictions on accessing this collection.

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Preferred Citation

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Acquisition

This collection previously constituted vertical files within the UHCL Archives. The materials were not acquired at one single time. Instead, the collection was assembled by the University of Houston-Clear Lake Archives over an extended period, beginning in 2001, when it began collecting materials pertaining to NASA and Johnson Space Center. The collection was often a destination for items from other acquisitions that were not connected by topic or purpose to the rest of those collection materials, such as unedited publications stored in a collection of personal papers. These assembled materials were stored as vertical files and were not assigned an acquisition collection number before they were compiled and reprocessed as a collection in 2022.

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Though the majority of the materials are printed paper media, there are 2 audio and 1 data Compact Disks which may require compatible computer technology to access.

Processing Information

The original collection, store in vertical files in the UHCL Archives' storage vaults from 2001 to early 2022, was originally organized alphabetically by item name. An inventory of all the folders was produced and constantly updated from the early 2000s until 2021. During reprocessing of the materials to convert them into a reference collection, all the materials were reordered by creation date to make them easier to locate based on NASA history. Some coverings and bindings on the archival items were removed, due to their acidic nature or bulk, to improve long-term preservation in storage.

Non-unique duplicates of some items within the collection were removed in keeping with UHCL Archives processing procedures. Some of these items were determined to be duplicates of materials located in other collections in the Archives, and extra copies were determined to not be needed for retention.

Processed by: Alexander Rodriguez, June 2022

Arrangement

Items are sequenced chronologically by date of creation, with undated items stored together at the end of the collection.

Scope and Content

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The vast majority of the materials are printed paper items, including booklets, brochures, and cards. There are also a few Compact Disks that remain sorted with their related papers.

Many of the items were published by NASA, JSC, and various internal departments, as well as other NASA facilities outside of Texas. The collection also includes magazine and newspaper publications, materials from organizational event, and space exploration educational and cultural content, produced and distributed by non-NASA entities.

Of note is the "Missile, Space and Range Pioneers Reunion Yearbook". While the yearbook is a printed item, it was likely not designed for distribution to a public audience. The cover contains signatures of attendees, making the item unique. An additional item of note is a series of materials entitled "Shuttle Mission Cards, Flight Integration Office". These cards present details on Shuttle mission plans for many missions between 1984-2011. Rendered in a consistent format, the information is presented at a highly technical level. The cards are stored together as two adjacent items in the collection, rather than sorted individually by date.

Subject Terms

Corporate Names

Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center
Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. Office of Public Affairs
United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Geographic Name

Houston (Tex.)

Topical Term

Manned space flight--History
Space shuttles--United States--History
Space--Social aspects--History
United States. National Aeronautics and Space Administration--History

Genre/Physical Characteristic**Collection Inventory**

Box/Folder	Description	Date
1/1	Missile, Space and Range Pioneers Reunion Yearbook	1968
1/2	Apollo 12: A New Vista for Lunar Science Booklet Publication	1970
1/3	First Anniversary of Man's Lunar Landing Event Program	July 20, 1970
1/4	TRW Flight Data, Third Skylab Mission (Skylab 4) Reference Booklet	1973
1/5	Test Flight of the Space Shuttle Orbiter "Enterprise" Brochure	circa 1978
1/6	"For All Mankind" Oratorio Musical Score and CD	1979
1/7	"For All Mankind" Oratorio Correspondence and Newspaper Clippings	1979
1/8	NASA Information Kit	1981
1/9	Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center: Gateway to the Next Frontier Booklet	circa 1985
1/10	Operation Liftoff Elementary School Space Program Living in Space Book II	1987
1/11	NASA Launching a Dream A Teacher's Guide to a Simulated Space Shuttle Mission	June 1988
1/12	NASA: Agenda for Tomorrow	1988

1/13	Magellan Mission to Venus—Press Information	February 1989
1/14	Apollo 11, Log Booklet Publication	June 1989
1/15	Apollo Spacecraft Program Office (ASPO) Reunion	July 22, 1989
1/16	On the Moon: Images of Apollo, 1969-1972 Final Frontier Magazine	1989
1/17	Project Galileo—Bringing Jupiter to Earth	1989
1/18	Teacher Resource Center Brochure	1989
1/19	Soviet Space, A Coloring Book Guide	July 1991
1/20	Soviet Space—Teacher Resource Guide	1991
1/21	Issues In NASA Program and Project Management	1991
1/22	New Initiatives Office Library Database (NIOLD) Materials	1990-1991
1/23	Ellen Ochoa NASA Biographical Data	April 1992
1/24	Space Station Freedom Media Handbook	May 1992
1/25	Preparing for the Future ESA's Technology Programme Quarterly	December 1992
1/26	Aaron Cohen Retirement Memo	August 4, 1993
1/27	NASA Information Summaries	1985-1993
2/1	Eileen Collins Newspaper Article	June 4, 1994
2/2	25th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing: The Legacy Lives On Invitation, Program, Booklet	July 20, 1994
2/3	Space Based Astronomy Teacher's Guide with Activities	August 1994
2/4	Apollo at 25 – Special Tribute to America's Moonwalkers Final Frontier Magazine	1994
2/5	The Living Ocean— Observing Ocean Color from Space Pamphlet	1994

2/6	Surface Tension Driven Convection Experiment STS-73 Pamphlet	August 1995
2/7	NASA History on the World Wide Web Brochure	April 1997
2/8	Johnson Space Center Open House Event Map	August 29, 1998
2/9	Super Guppy Transport Plane Pamphlet	June 1999
2/10	Robert R. Gilruth Tribute Pamphlet	2000
2/11	Johnson Space Center Oral History Project Pamphlets	2002
2/12	John C. Stennis Space Center Items Folder	2002
2/13	NASA's Implementation Plan for Return to Flight and Beyond	September 8, 2003
2/14	Columbia Shuttle Accident Commemoration Materials	2003
2/15	Stepping Stones to Mars Activity Pamphlet	2004
2/16	Spaceflight Crossword Puzzle	2006
2/17	Johnson Space Center Publicity Items Folder	circa 2006
2/18	America by Air Exhibition Companion Book Smithsonian Institution and NASA	2007
2/19	NASA's First 50 Years: A Historical Perspective Pamphlet	October 2008
2/20	NASA Johnson Space Center, 1958-1978 Houston History Magazine	Fall 2008
2/21	50 Years of NASA Imagery UHCL Exhibit and Reception Invitation	January 2009
2/22	NASA Vision at UHCL Items Folder	October 13, 2009
2/23	Shuttle Mission Cards, Flight Integration Office Part 1: STS-41D – STS-60 (incomplete)	1984-2011
2/24	Shuttle Mission Cards, Flight Integration Office Part 2: STS-61—STS-135 (incomplete)	1984-2011
2/25	Salute Our Space Shuttle Event Flyer	August 27, 2011

2/26	Voices from the Moon—Interviews with Lunar Scientists Compact Disk, Letter	2013
2/27	Neil Armstrong Remembered Newspaper Article (Copy)	May 2019
3/1	Gemini—Learning to Live in Space Special Report, Tec-Consolidated	Undated
3/2	Apollo 11 and 15 NASA Press Photograph Cards	Undated
3/3	Lunar Science Elementary Activities Book	Undated
3/4	First Americans in Space: Mercury to Apollo-Soyuz NASA Brochure	Undated
3/5	Manned Spaceflight Center Recruitment Booklet	Undated
3/6	Lavochkin Association Pamphlet	Undated
3/7	NASA Educational Briefs	Undated
3/8	Spacelab News Reference	Undated
3/9	Space and Life Sciences Directorate Johnson Space Center Brochure	Undated